

**MICHAEL P. WALSH**  
Democrat For State Representative  
Third Hampden District

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank the voters of Agawam, Blandford, Chester, Granville, Montgomery, Russell, Southwick, and Tolland for nominating me as State Representative for the Third Hampden District.*

*The hard work and long hours I have dedicated to my campaign are merely a prelude to the type of representation I intend to provide for the constituents of the Third Hampden District within the Massachusetts House of Representatives.*

*As an expression of my appreciation, I want to thank you for your time and consideration, and with your continued support on November 2, I look forward to serving you in the House of Representatives.*

*Sincerely,*

*Michael P. Walsh*

Democratic Nominee  
State Representative  
Third Hampden District

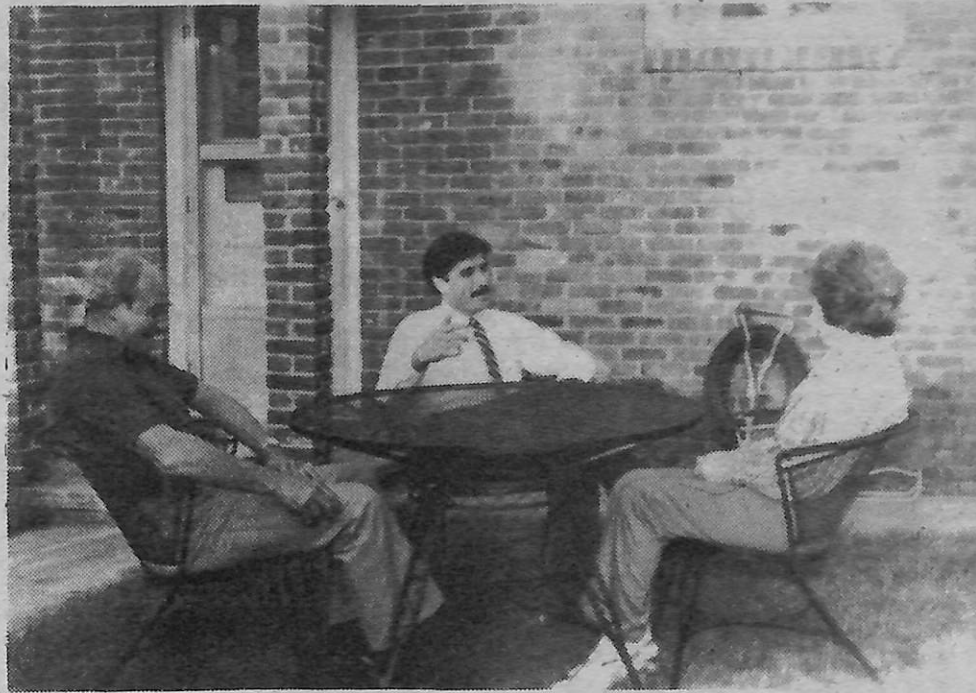


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**MIKE WALSH**

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE, NOV. 2nd**





# MIKE WALSH IS CONCERNED:

**ABOUT LOCAL AID:** In the era of Proposition 2½, local aid is essential to maintain the integrity of our important services such as police, fire, education, and the upkeep of our roads. Mike Walsh will fight to get as much local aid back to the district as possible.

**ABOUT CRIME:** People are tired of a system of justice which protects the criminal and allows the victim to suffer. Mike Walsh is for stronger measures against the criminal, such as tougher juvenile laws, harsher restrictions on those who violate their probation, and making child abuse a felony not just a misdemeanor.

**ABOUT TAXES:** Mike Walsh thinks it's about time the taxpayer got a break. He will work to cut excessive government spending by pushing for stricter reviews of annual departmental budget requests. Mike Walsh will advocate increases in exemptions on personal income tax so that more money stays in your pocket. He will also support the restriction of state mandated programs and a concerted effort on the part of the members of the Legislature to exercise fiscal restraint when spending hard earned tax dollars of yours and mine.

**ABOUT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE:** Car insurance rates, like taxes, must be controlled. Mike Walsh will support legislation to strengthen the Insurance Rating Bureau so that consumers will be better represented at the hearings. He feels that by 1) providing incentives for insurance company administrative efficiency; 2) factoring investment income when determining insurance rates; and 3) cracking down on fraudulent claims, we can help bring car insurance rates under control.

**ABOUT THE ELDERLY:** Mike Walsh recognizes that today's elderly population living on a fixed income are confronted with exorbitant fuel bills, higher taxes, and inflation. He will work to assist the elderly and will be an advocate of legislation which will help our senior citizens make ends meet.

**ABOUT REPRESENTING YOU:** Having a State Representative who is aware and responsive to your concerns is your right, not just a privilege. As Legislative Aide for three years, Mike Walsh acquired a better understanding of your problems and concerns. As your State Representative, Mike Walsh will continue working in association with the people and local officials of each community to do what is necessary in the Legislature to address these problems and try to find a solution to them.

## WALSH...THE CHOICE IS CLEAR



# MEET MIKE WALSH

Michael P. Walsh has been a lifelong resident of the district. Mike is a product of the Agawam School System and graduated from Agawam High School in 1974.

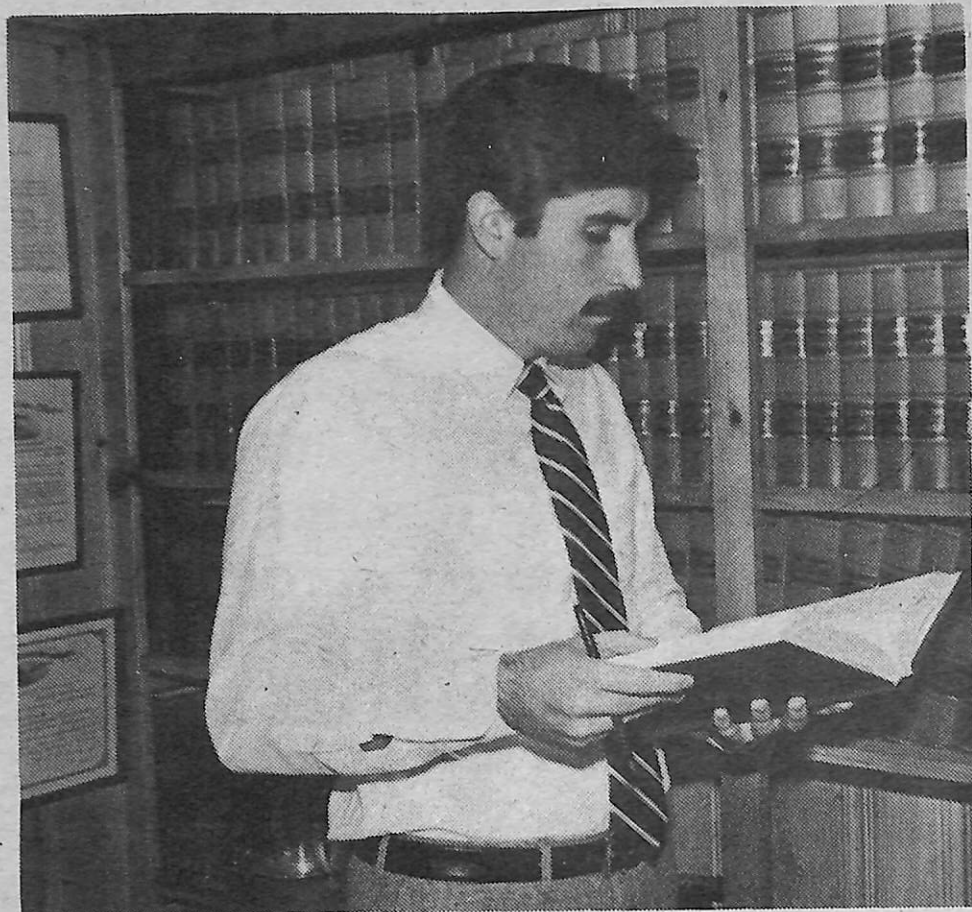
Upon graduation from high school, Mike attended St. Anselm College and distinguished himself as a Dean's List student. Mike graduated in 1978 with a B.A. degree in Political Science.

Since 1978, Mike has had experience working in association with the State Legislature. He served a year as the Legislative Assistant to the Massachusetts District Attorneys' Association, helping to lobby for tougher crime legislation. This experience gave Mike valuable insight into the legislative process.

From 1979 to April 1982, Mike helped serve this district as Legislative Aide to State Representative Edward W. Connelly. In that time he has helped people like you on a personal level and was in constant contact with your local elected officials.

Mike announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for State Representative on April 20, 1982. He won the nomination on September 14th, beating two opponents by an overwhelming margin.

Mike has been involved with various political, athletic, and social associations. Among them are St. Anselm College Alumni Association, Hampden County Young Democrats, Agawam Soccer Association, Agawam Football Booster Club, Agawam Athletic Association Scholarship Committee and UNICO International (Agawam Chapter).



## Walsh Credits Aide Job For Landslide Nomination

By MARK MARCHAND  
AGAWAM — Democrat Michael P. Walsh credits his "strong experience" as a legislative aide with catapulting him to a landslide victory in his party's nomination.

## Walsh Big Primary Winner!

By Stuart Parker

Former legislative aide Michael P. Walsh enjoyed an unanticipated landslide victory in Tuesday's Democratic Primary, capturing 55 percent of the total vote in the three man contest. Walsh, a former three-year aide to outgoing State Rep. Edward W. Connelly, took each of Agawam's six precincts, and also won big in Southwick in defeating former Agawam police sergeant Edward Borgatti and Agawam Town Councilor At-Large Dennis Roberts. Walsh tabbed a total of 3,550 votes; Borgatti, 1,416; and Roberts, 1,225.

## Walsh knocks off two opponents in primary

By Valerie Reitman  
Staff Writer

AGAWAM — Michael Walsh swept the vote in all eight towns in the Third Hampden district Democratic primary Tuesday, knocking off his two competitors by a more than two to one margin.

Walsh will face Ruth Connor of Southwick in the November 2nd General Election.

Dennis M. Roberts, 25, a Town Councilor and Edward G. Borgatti, 54, a retired police sergeant. In Southwick, he won 538 votes to Roberts' 137 and Borgatti's 152. He had made automobile insurance reform a priority in his campaign.

Walsh and Connor will square off for the post being vacated by Rep. Edward W. Connelly, R-Agawam, who is retiring after a prodigious 12-year career.

## Walsh Calls For New Local Aid Formula



## Walsh Calls For Tougher Juvenile Laws

Michael P. Walsh, Democratic candidate for state representative in the Third Hampden District, said it is time for new measures to deal with juvenile offenders.

Walsh said he will introduce legislation after the budget has been passed.

According to Walsh, the former aide to State Representative Edward W. Connelly, this method is too unreliable and too late for local communities which are proceeding through their own budget processes.

"Local officials have to set their budgets without really knowing what to expect from the state because the state cannot give them a firm commitment."

The 26 year old Democrat proposes that the state set a permanent local aid fund into which will go a percentage of the state's growth tax revenues. Such a fund would be the amount of local aid out of the state's total revenue.

## Walsh Addresses Unfunded Pension Debt

Michael P. Walsh, candidate for State Representative in the Third Hampden District called for a new program in addressing the deficit in the Commonwealth's pension systems. Currently the unfunded liability throughout the Commonwealth totals \$7.4 billion dollars.

According to the 26-year old Democrat, "The problem is that Massachusetts presently finances its public employee pensions on a pay-as-you-go basis. This means that the government appropriates no money until the employee actually retires."

"There is no provision made for future liabilities. The result of this funding method has been a staggering deficit that we face today. Unless a new direction is taken, serious problems will occur, such as (1) a poor credit rating because of a state's or community's inability to pay pension benefits, (2) a breakdown in the pension system so that employees do not receive their proper compensation, and (3) most importantly, a tremendous strain placed on us, the taxpayers."

## Walsh Advocates Insurance Reform

Michael P. Walsh, candidate for State Representative in the Third Hampden District, said today that he will make automobile insurance reform a priority in his campaign.

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sumers with multiple legitimate claims are lumped with those having multiple fraudulent claims."

Added Walsh, "Motorists with legitimate claims do not file to collect in fear that their rates will go up, while those with multiple suspicious claims collect. I will support legislation which would allow insurance companies to deny coverage to persons who have made fraudulent claims. Drivers licenses of those making fraudulent claims should be suspended."

According to Walsh, many Massachusetts citizens

# WALSH...THE CHOICE IS CLEAR



On Tuesday, September 14th, 1982, Independents and Democrats of the Third Hampden District, by an overwhelming margin, nominated Mike Walsh as their next State Representative.

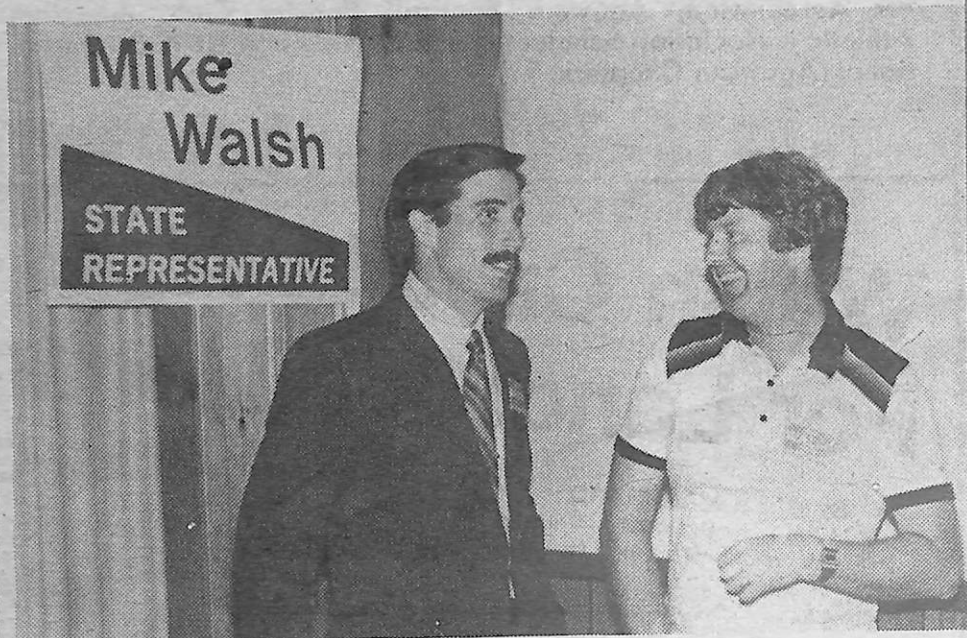
Join with us in electing a hard-working, experienced and concerned man! **"THE CHOICE IS CLEAR...WALSH FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE -NOVEMBER 2.**



Mike with his committee from Southwick on primary night.



Mike is the assistant Agawam varsity soccer coach. He has coached youth soccer for four years.



Mike discussing the election returns on primary night with supporter Bill Sliech.



Mike and some of his committee members at the opening of the Walsh for State Representative headquarters.



Mike welcoming some supporters to a dinner in his honor.

**"THE CHOICE IS CLEAR" - VOTE**

**MIKE WALSH**

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE - NOVEMBER 2**